

It starts with the first step.
It is not a race or a competition it is a motivation to take strides in the right direction to just keep moving forward.
You can do it!

Walk Massachusetts Challenge

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Lace up your sneakers The Walk Massachusetts Challenge is back

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Open to individuals 60 years and older

This year features more walking options and more prizes! With five individual goals, there's a challenge for everyone - from walking 65 days to walking 692,000 steps - each tied to a fun Massachusetts fact. And 10 lucky people will win a \$50 Visa gift card, 25 people a \$25 Amazon gift card, and 50 people a \$10 Dunkin' gift card. The first 500 people who participate will receive a handy reflective wrist band and sports pack, perfect for carrying your water bottle, keys and phone.

Our Senior Center could win: For each person who completes the challenge, our Center gets entered into a drawing to win up to \$1,000 for future programming!

Here's how it works:

- 1. Individuals sign up at www.mcoaonline.com/walkma
- 2. The program runs from May 1 to September 30
- 3. Choose a challenge from one of 5 different levels walking for days, time, miles, or steps. There's something for everyone!
- 4. New this year we have an online tracking form! They can **track their walking online** by creating a user name and password, or use the chart in our printable **walk journal**.
- 5. You don't need a fitness watch or tracker you can estimate time and steps (average walking can walk about 3 miles an hour so walk 20 minutes a day about a mile)
- 6. At the end of the challenge, you submit your journal (online, or hand in to the Senior Center)
- 7. You will be entered in to have a chance to win.

If you need help signing up or to get copies of excel spreadsheet to keep track of your steps Contact Susan Tilton email: stilton@northreadingma.gov or call 978-664-5600